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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF OPIC'S DEVELOPMENT AWARD

1. PER DAVID GREGG'S LETTER AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PRESENTATION OF THE DUPLICATE D AWARD TO THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN, OPIC IS MAKING PREPARATIONS TO SHIP THE AWARD TO TEHRAN, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16. WILL NOTIFY AS TO FLIGHT AND OTHER SHIPPING DETAILS AT THAT TIME.

2. UNDERSTAND THAT UNDERSECRETARY OF COMMERCE JAMES BAKER WILL BE IN TEHRAN ON THE 29TH AND 30TH OF SEPTEMBER FOR ECONOMY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE U.S.-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION. UNDERSECRETARY BAKER IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE OPIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS. AS SUCH, HE COULD MAKE THE AWARD PRESENTATION TO THE DISTINGUISHED IRANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, IF YOU CONCUR. ARRANGEMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE BY THE EMBASSY FOR SUCH A PRESENTATION. AS SUGGESTED IN GREGG'S LETTER, IT IS IMPORTANT TO ATTAIN PRESS COVERAGE OF THE EVENT. BEING SENT TO YOU BY MAIL IS THE CITATION WHICH EXPLAINS THE REASON FOREMOST INTERNATIONAL'S INVESTMENT IN IRAN RECEIVED THIS YEAR'S DEVELOPMENT AWARD. SISCO
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